

an occasion as this was - in which full scope could be given to the
imagination - and on which a man could be eloquent in truth -
May made I think a bad failure - The house (Watermans) was crowded
to excess - & I was really sorry that we did not have a more spirit stir-
ring speaker -

The good cause goes slowly but surely forward - and it
must succeed. My wife sends respects to
Mrs P. & yourself

I remain Yr truly

J. E. Sporn

Enclosed is a few lines of doggerel - If it is good for any thing
please publish it - if not burn it - I wish if you publish it you
would put a head to it - I am too much of a fool to think
of more

look at 7th verse last line
that living heathen solitude -

"this is correct - don't scratch this line out -

L. E. Brown, Providence
Providence Monday Evng Aug 8/36

Dear Brother Phelps,

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Your favor of the 3rd inst was duly rec^d & in reply I would say that you need not trouble your friend Williams for the money for that note. I will retain it until your quarter day comes round & you can then send it on to me. I have not much money to pay this month & this small amount will not disturb me - but next month I have several large payments to make & should then like to have it.

I don't think you are hardly fair Brother Phelps in awakening my curiosity about that "green affair" (as you term it) of Stanton's. I showed that part of your letter to my wife - and she, good soul got as wrothy as "Sam Hill" because you did not tell all the story - what the deuce does it mean? - I can't imagine. Has Mother Hensdell been offering herself or her daughter - or any one else to Stanton for "Better or for worse" - what the deuce do you mean - If old Stanton was here I'd pounce upon him for the whole story. - Come my good fellow out with it - Leave me to settle it with Stanton - in case he grows wrothy because you have divulged "the secret"

We had a lecture from May on Tuesday Evng last - in commemoration of the British Emancipation - Between you and me and my wife who is now sticking her nose over my shoulder - I don't think it ^{was} much of an address - Particular on such